





Michigan Aeronautics Commission

Director's Report

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CARES, CRRSAA, and The American Rescue Plan



- ▶ **CARES Act** - www.faa.gov/airports/cares_act
 - ▶ **Michigan Total = \$256,958,769 to 94 eligible airports**
 - ▶ State Block Grant = \$2,628,000 to 75 airports; All agreements have been awarded
 - ▶ Direct FAA Grants = \$239,625,000 in 18 grants
 - ▶ Reimbursement Requests = \$167,630,482 in 113 payments to 77 airports
- ▶ **CRRSAA** - www.faa.gov/airports/crrsaa/
 - ▶ **Michigan Total = \$55,841,582 to 92 eligible airports**
 - ▶ 12 grants awarded to date totaling \$44,318,004
 - ▶ State appropriation pending
 - ▶ Additional sponsor agreement required for GA Airports.
- ▶ **The American Rescue Plan** - www.faa.gov/airports/airport_rescue_grants/
 - ▶ FAA grants to all commercial service airports, reliever airports, and some public-owned general aviation airports that are part of the NAS.
 - ▶ FAA to release allocation amounts under each formula when finalized
 - ▶ AIP Grants awarded this year at 100% federal share

Legislative and Budget Updates

FY 2022 Budget

- ▶ Currently in Conference Committee Negotiations
- ▶ House Plan (HB 4409)
 - ▶ Aviation Services - \$5,303,200 and 38 FTE
 - ▶ Air Fleet Operations - \$1,774,500 and 8 FTE
 - ▶ Air Service Program - \$50,000
- ▶ Senate Plan (SB 92)
 - ▶ Aviation Services - \$5,303,200 and 37 FTE
 - ▶ Air Fleet Operations - \$1,774,500 and 7 FTE
 - ▶ Air Service Program - \$50,000
 - ▶ Reduction of two FTE
- ▶ Executive Budget Recommendation
 - ▶ Combined Aeronautics Appropriation (rerolled) \$7,077,700 and 46 FTE
- ▶ Revenues expected to meet appropriation requirements for FY22



Aeronautics Code Revisions

- ▶ Expected upon passage of FY22 Budget

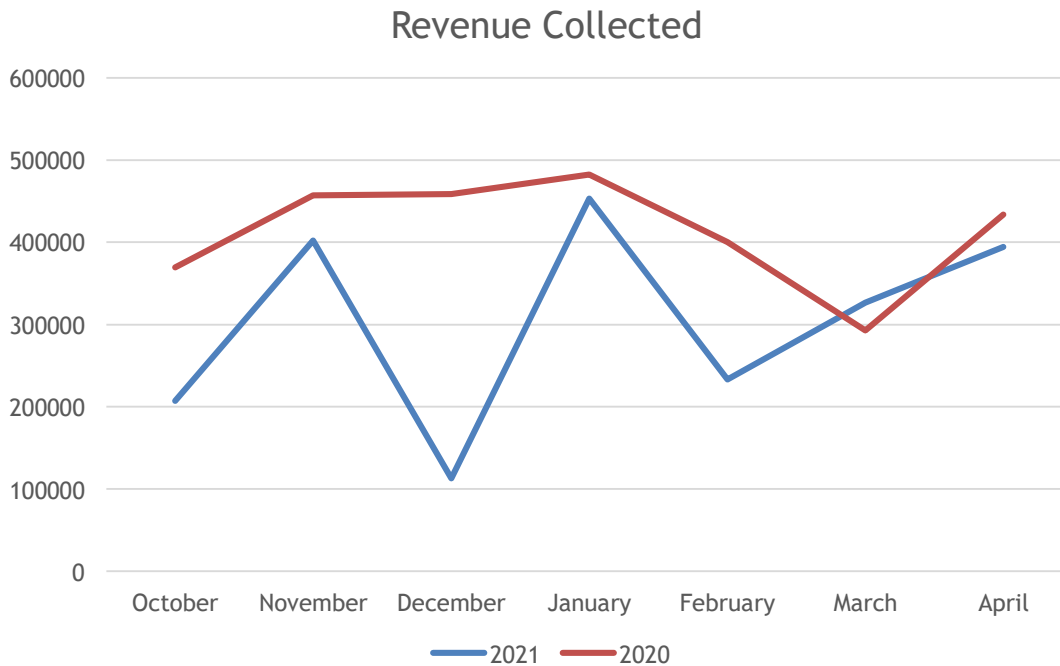
Aviation Fuel Tax Revenue

Revenue Collected

2021 (Oct through Apr) = \$2,129,752

2020 (Oct through Apr) = \$2,894,327

Decrease of -\$764,574 or -26.42%



Aviation Gallons

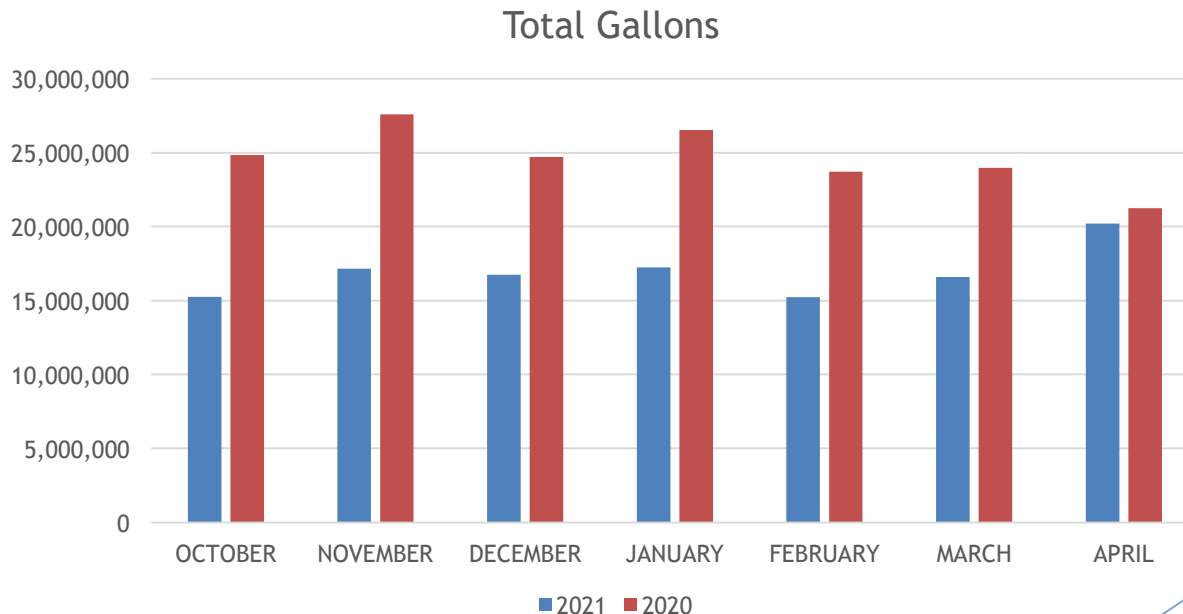
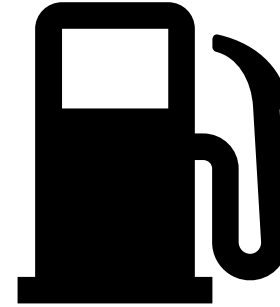
(Gasoline and Jet Fuel)

Total Gallons

2021 (Oct through Apr) = 118,407,116

2020 (Oct through Apr) = 172,647,707

Decrease of -54,240,591 or -31.42%



Airport Project Highlight - Reynolds Field, Jackson County

- ▶ Rehabilitate Apron Terminal and Adjacent Taxiway E
- ▶ Cost: \$3,194,400
- ▶ Consultant: Mead & Hunt - Dan Kehoe
- ▶ Contractor: Mead Brothers Excavating
- ▶ Aero Project Manager: Amanda Hopper
- ▶ Highlights:
 - ▶ Placed 16,400 SYD of 9" & 6" concrete
 - ▶ New edge lighting and apron flood lights



Aero Stats- FY 2021 to current

AIP Projects

- 37 Active Design Projects
- 83 Active Construction Projects
- 14 Construction Project Lettings
- 12 Active Equipment Projects



Environmental Reviews and Clearance

- 50 Airport Development Projects Cleared

Airport Layout Plans and Land Acquisition

- 19 ALP Updates
- 9 Active Land Acquisitions Projects

Tall Structure Permit Reviews

- 4,023 Applications Reviewed (161 Wind-Turbine)

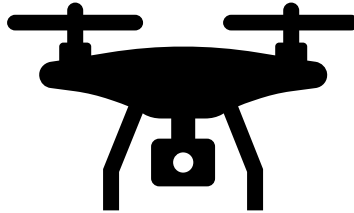
Statewide Pavement Marking Program

- 21 Participating Airports (up from 5 in 2020)

Statewide Crack Sealing Program

- 24 Participating Airports (up from 6 in 2020)

Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS)



- ▶ Preflight planning completed for 38 UAS-aided airport inspections
- ▶ UAS Feasibility Study RFP posted
<https://sigma.michigan.gov/webapp/PRDVSS2X1/AltSelfService>
- ▶ UAS Task Force met April 21, 2021
 - ▶ Revisit goals and mission
 - ▶ Presentation by NMU/MSU on drone education programs
 - ▶ Review of Federal final rules

News and Information



MDHHS and MDOT Travel Points Testing program bringing [COVID-19 testing](#) to Welcome Centers and select airports including Cherry Capital Airport. Visit www.Michigan.gov/coronavirus for details.

Presentation - Getting to Know Aero PM 2.0 for sponsors and consultants - June 9

Inspection Compliance Report Cards sent out to each public-use airport.

Return to Work - State office buildings to re-open July 15.

Return to Flight



- ▶ Aero aircraft have returned to the skies! Contact Tammie Lewandowsky at 517-803-5828 or LewandowskyT@michigan.gov to schedule
- ▶ Aircraft Travel Reports – posted each quarter and reported to the Legislature annually.
https://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,4616,7-151-9622_11045---,00.html



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who may fly on MDOT aircraft? Any state employee and their invited guests who are on official state business.

Where do you fly? We fly anywhere in the U.S. and Canada.

Why fly with us? Standard travel regulations for the State of Michigan advise travelers to use the mode of transportation that meets the business need and is in the best interest of the state. When planning travel consider all costs including staff time, meals, and lodging. After comparing the different modes of transportation you will frequently find that the most cost-effective and efficient choice is to use MDOT aircraft.

Will sharing a flight with other passengers save me money? Yes! Costs can be substantially reduced when multiple passengers travel. Call us to inquire about upcoming flights which may have empty seats.

What if the weather is bad? MDOT airplanes are equipped with de-icing equipment, weather-avoidance radar, and some are pressurized, allowing them to fly above most clouds and turbulence. However, safety is our paramount concern. In the event of extreme weather, we will delay or cancel the flight.

What about ground transportation? We will be happy to assist you with car rental or other transportation.

I have more questions. Please call us at 517-335-9986. You are also welcome to visit our facility at the Capital Region International Airport for a personal tour.

Aero Staffing and Updates

- Congratulations and thanks for your years of state service!
 - Jim Hartman - 5 Years
 - Betsy Steudle - 20 years
 - Jay Henning - 25 years
 - Jennifer Moore - 25 years
- Welcome back Jared Arnett, Co-op, Project Mgmt. Unit
- Position Update
 - 2 Student Assistant offers made
 - Aviation Manager - Currently interviewing
 - Aviation Inspector - Currently interviewing
 - Department Manager - Coming Soon
 - Additional State Block Grant Specialist - Coming Soon



Questions?

Office of Aeronautics Mission Statement:

“To Develop and Preserve a Safe, High-Quality, Statewide Air Transportation System”

Michigan Department of Transportation Mission Statement:

“Providing the Highest Quality Integrated Transportation Services for Economic Benefit and Improved Quality of Life”